



# Fall River Heritage State Park

Department of Conservation and Recreation

## JANUARY 2022 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. The Visitor Center is located at 200 Davol Street in the Captain Thomas J. Hudner, Jr. Memorial Building. Free parking is available in the DCR Lot at 5 Water Street in Fall River. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations are available upon request. For more information call (508) 675-5759 x 0. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit [Mass.gov/COVID-guidelines](https://www.mass.gov/COVID-guidelines).

coming events

**Saturdays**  
**January 1, 8,**  
**15, 22, 29**

**WATER + GRANITE + GRAVITY= FALL RIVER**  
11:00 AM—11:30 AM, Visitor Center

Fall River was once the third largest city in Massachusetts with thriving factories and bustling piers on its waterfront. Without the water of the Taunton and Quequechan Rivers, the granite cliffs and the power of gravity and the waterfalls that they produced, there would be no Fall River. This is a 30-minute walk through waterfront history connecting the wayfinders commemorate the industry that has been here, and can be self-guided or led by a park interpreter. Tours start at the front desk in the Visitor Center.

**Saturdays**  
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**PEOPLE, AMBITION AND HARD WORK**  
2:00 PM—2:30 PM, Visitor Center

A Portuguese-American poet, a beloved local entrepreneur, a decorated military hero, and a visionary state legislator all have their names enshrined in Fall River Heritage Park. Who were they and how did they inspire others through their vision, ambition and hard work? This is a short walking tour of the landmarks named for these pioneers and can be self-guided or led by a park interpreter. Tours start at the front desk in the Visitor Center.

**Monday**  
**January 17**

**FILM: SAFE HOUSES: THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN FALL RIVER**  
2:45 PM, Visitor Center Theater

Discover the hidden history of Fall River and its role in the Underground Railroad. Meet abolitionist Elizabeth Buffum Chase, one of the most dynamic figures in Fall River history. See the houses and streets that welcomed escaped formerly enslaved people. Running time: 20 minutes.

**Ongoing**  
**Daily**

**HERITAGE QUEST: ACTIVITIES**  
9:00 AM—3:00 PM, Visitor Center

Stop by the Visitor Center, grab one of our unique coloring sheets of moments in Fall River History. Try your hand at origami or even weave a row on our community loom. If you complete an entire row, you too can add your name tag! Get creative! This is a drop-in program. Stay for the duration or drop in for a few moments.

**Ongoing**  
**Daily**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT: THE ORIGINS OF MASSACHUSETTS FOODS AND WHY IT MATTERS**  
8:00 AM—3:00 PM Visitor Center

This colorful exhibit explores the cultural exchanges that resulted from the Europeans' first arrival to the Bay State, focusing on food, ecological changes, and the pleasant culinary legacy of the confluence of cultures. Be prepared to be surprised! This special holiday exhibit is on loan from the Commonwealth Museum in Boston. Closing January 14th, 2022.

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Ongoing  
Daily,  
Starting  
January 14

**EXHIBIT: FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM:  
AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND MARITIME HISTORY**  
8:00 AM—3:00 PM Visitor Center

Massachusetts is at the center of American maritime history. Some of it has been hidden until now. The sea also played a significant role in the history of African-Americans who worked in the industry. Maritime fortunes, based in part on slavery, helped found some of our most hallowed institutions. It is a fascinating and neglected story full of surprises and revelations.

This special exhibit is on loan from the Commonwealth Museum in Boston, courtesy of the Secretary of State. Opening January 14th and closing March 4, 2022.

Ongoing,  
Daily

**FILM: LINCOLN PARK REMEMBERED**  
10:00 AM & 1:00 PM, Visitor Center Theater

Take a sentimental journey back to southeastern Massachusetts' favorite amusement park which entertained thousands from 1894-1987. Enjoy this fun-filled ride into the past with vintage clips and footage from as early as 1920. Run-time 45 minutes.

Ongoing,  
Daily

**FILM: THE FABRIC OF FALL RIVER**  
11:00 AM & 2:00 PM, Visitor Center Theater

Discover Fall River's rich past! The Fabric of Fall River showcases the history of Fall River from the First Peoples through the cotton mill era to the needle trades of the 1980s. Run-time: 34 minutes.

Ongoing,  
Daily

**FILM: THE FALL RIVER LINE**  
12:00 PM, Visitor Center Theater

Climb aboard and explore the premiere steamboat line in America, the Fall River Line, which ran from New York City to Fall River and was famous for its elegance, grace and superior service. Visit a bygone age, when the way you traveled was just as important as getting there. Run-time: 57 minutes.

Ongoing,  
Daily

**FACES OF FALL RIVER**  
8:00 AM & 3:00 PM, Visitor Center

Meet the people of Fall River's past through a gallery of classic black and white photographs from the textile era. Featured are photos by labor activist/sociologist/photographer Lewis Hine of the immigrant women, men and children who worked the mills that made Fall River the premiere textile city in America. These are the photographs that inspired change in American labor laws and helped abolish child labor.

Ongoing,  
Daily

**TRACING THE THREADS**  
8:00 AM & 3:00 PM, Visitor Center

Explore our comprehensive permanent exhibit which celebrates the cultural, ethnic and industrial history of Fall River. Learn about the waterfalls that shaped the city, enabled its industries, and even gave it its name. Share the stories of the many ethnic groups from around the world who called this city home.

*How was your visit? Let us know at [Mass.Parks@mass.gov](mailto:Mass.Parks@mass.gov).*

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